(b) number of aircrafts of Indian Airlines which are air worthy but not being operated; and

(c) full details of such aircrafts not being operated by Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) The number of aircraft which are used for operation by Indian Airlines as on date is 55. (including three B-737-200 aircraft transferred to Alliance Air).

(b) None.

(c) Does not arise.

**Violation of air safety norms**

1024. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines management has questioned the pilots of IA flight IC-108 involved in a near mid air collision over Delhi in January 1997, on how a Union Minister happened to sit in the cockpit of the flight in violation of safety norms and DGCA regulations;

(b) if so, the details of the incident; and

(c) the action taken to ensure that the air safety norms are not flouted in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir. Directorate General of Civil Aviation's (DGCA) Regulations permit entry of Minister of Civil Aviation into aircraft cockpit for inspection. Besides, IC-168 was not involved in near mid air collision over Delhi in January, 1997.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**मुम्बई और दिल्ली विमानपत्तनों पर एरोब्रिज का ढह जाना**

1025. **श्री मूलचन्द मीणा:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मुम्बई और दिल्ली विमानपत्तनों पर बना एरोब्रिज अक्सर ढह जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1994, 1995 और 1996 में हुई दुर्घटनाओं का क्रमश: ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इन दुर्घटनाओं के जिम्मेदार व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है; और

(घ) इन विमानपत्तनों के कार्यकरण में सुधार के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं?

**नागर विमानन मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी॰ एम॰ इब्राहीम):** (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

**Obtaining additional land for Visakhapatnam Airport from local Port Trust**

1026. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Airports Authority discussed the issue of obtaining additional land for Visakhapatnam Airport from the local Port Trust;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Port Trust of Visakhapatnam is willing to lease land in the sea-side for extension of runway at a nominal charge; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to finalise the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Landing facilities at Cuddapah in Andhra Pradesh**

1027. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General of Civil Aviation studied airport landing facilities at Cuddapah in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the status of such facilities;

(c) whether technically the airport could be used by small aircrafts;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any plans to bring Cuddapah into the aviation map of India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Cuddapah Airport has a runway dimensions of 3600 ft. X 50 ft. and a small terminal building suitable for operations of Dornier 228 class of aircraft. Recognition of an airport in national level depends upon traffic potential, tourist attractions, commercial activities, etc.

**Use of Airports by 50-seater Aircraft in Andhra Pradesh**

1028. SHRIV. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the airports which can be used by 50-seater aircraft in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have conducted any feasibility study of different landings and aerodromes in Andhra Pradesh in 1996-97;

(c) if so, the names of all airports, aerodromes, landing facilities other than Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam where such tests have been done;

(d) whether any plan has been drawn up to encourage use of these airports in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) 50 seater aircraft can be operated to Cuddapah, Hyderabad, Rajahmundry, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, and Warrangal airports in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Indian Airlines operates regular services to Tirupati. Private operators are free to operate services to Vijayawada, Cuddapah, Warrangal and Rajahmundry, keeping in view the economic viability factor.

**The private airlines operating domestic routes**

1029. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the private airlines operating in domestic routes to carry passengers and the details of such airlines which have closed down their operations;

(b) whether it is a fact that these airlines have been frequently cancelling their flights schedule causing inconveniences to the booked passengers for the day;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these airlines are refusing to fly on the routes other than trunk routes due to economic reasons etc.; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) There are seven scheduled private airlines:—

1. Archana Airways
2. East West Airlines
3. Jet Airways
4. Modiluft
5. Sahara India Airlines
6. Skyline NEPC
7. NEPC

M/s East West Airlines and M/s Modiluft Ltd. are, however, not operating at present.

(b) There have been some complaints in this regard. However, a close monitoring is done to avoid the complaints.

(c) and (d) All scheduled domestic airlines are required to operate in accordance with the route dispersal guidelines laid down by the Government and in case of any shortfall, flights on category I (Trunk routes) are curtailed.